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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masatoshi Nakayama )  
Serial No.: 10/617,532 )  
Filed: July 11, 2003 )  
For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC )  
HEAD, METHOD FOR )  
PRODUCING THE SAME AND )  
MAGNETIC DISK DEVICE )  
HAVING A SLIDER USING THE )  
SAME )  
Group Art Unit: 2812 )  
Examiner: To be assigned )

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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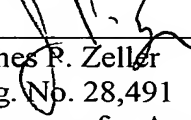
Sir:

Please advise when an official action can be expected in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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